

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Katsunori ASAFUSA et al.  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 11, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments** to the claims begin on page 2;

**Remarks** are included beginning on page 10; and

**Authorization** is included on page 16.